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Paul Gosar Will Stand Against Navajo Nation in Government Shutdown

FLAGSTAFF, AZ – With a shutdown of the federal government nearing, District One Congressman Paul Gosar looks ready to stand against the Navajo People and support Republican proposals that would hurt the Dine and threaten our economic recovery. The shutdown would affect many services on tribal lands in addition to paychecks for members of the military.

Former District One Representative Ann Kirkpatrick issued the following statement as the shutdown looms:

“Paul Gosar is making it clear that he does not respect the Navajo people. He would ignore Navajo families by voting for drastic cuts to health care, housing assistance, and Veterans’ services. His behavior is irresponsible and unacceptable for someone who is supposed to serve his constituents. Our representative should focus on bringing jobs to the Nation and work with the Navajo people, not against them.

“Paul Gosar needs to understand that the Navajo People are a sovereign nation, and that the U.S. government has a responsibility to provide funding for critical programs that support our Navajo Veterans and provide health care and education on tribal lands.”

If the federal government shuts down, Paul Gosar will still receive his paycheck even though most people in government will not. Ann Kirkpatrick supports Senate bill S.388 that denies pay to members of Congress and the Senate in the event of a government shutdown. Paul Gosar has not expressed support for the measure, which passed the Senate but looks unlikely to come to a vote in the House of Representatives.

Former Representative Ann Kirkpatrick has announced her intention to run in 2012 for the House of Representatives in Arizona’s First Congressional District.

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